



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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October 14, 2010

Mr. Michael Spence

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RE: FPPC File No. 10/846; Yaroslavsky for Supervisor; Zev Yaroslavsky

Dear Mr. Spence:

This letter is to notify you that the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") will investigate the allegation(s), under the jurisdiction of the Commission, of the sworn complaint you submitted in the above-referenced matter. You will next receive notification from us upon final disposition of the case. However, please be advised that at this time we have not made any determination about the validity of the allegation(s) you have made or about the culpability, if any, of the person(s) you identify in your complaint.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Roman G. Porter  
Executive Director

RGP/jt  
cc: Mr. Zev Yaroslavsky

**(Form May Be Subject to Public Disclosure)\***

**In some circumstances, the FPPC may claim your identity is confidential, and therefore not subject to disclosure. A court of law could ultimately make the determination of confidentiality. If you wish the FPPC to consider your identity confidential, do not file the complaint before you contact the FPPC (916-322-5660 or toll free at 866-ASK-FPPC) and discuss the complaint with an Enforcement Division attorney.**

**Complaint**

**Person or Persons who Allegedly Violated the Political Reform Act:** (If there are multiple parties involved, attach additional pages as necessary.)

Last Name: Yaroslavsky

First Name: Supervisor Zev

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Provision or Provisions of the Political Reform Act Allegedly Violated:** (If specific sections are not known, please provide a brief summary of the nature of the violation(s), and when it (they) occurred.) **You must state the suspected violation(s) on this form.**

**I. Government Code Sections 89510 et seq. (Personal Use of Campaign Funds)**

(a) Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky has used his officeholder account funds to purchase tickets to Southern California entertainment and sporting events including the Hollywood Bowl, and UCLA football and basketball games. (See Attachments 1 and 2, which are screen prints from reports filed by Supervisor Yaroslavsky Officeholder Account ID #983449). Attachments 1 and 2 are for reports filed within the past four years. However, a review of prior campaign statements filed by the Supervisor include many additional payments for tickets for similar expenses in direct violation of Section 89511 and 89513(e). It appears that the Supervisor uses his officeholder account for tickets that provide substantial personal benefit to the Supervisor and/or member's of the Supervisor's household.

(b) In addition to purchasing tickets to the Hollywood Bowl, Supervisor Yaroslavsky has used campaign and officeholder funds to pay for dinners at the Bowl (See Attachments 3 & 4).

**II. Failure to report gifts on Form 700**

Supervisor Yaroslavsky's Form 700, which is available on the FPPC' website, indicates that for calendar year 2009, he did not receive even a single gift. (See Sch. D). A majority of LA County supervisors reported receiving tickets to the Rose Bowl game or parade, yet Supervisor Yaroslavsky reported no gifts for 2009.

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**Name and Addresses of Potential Witnesses, in addition to yourself, if Known:**

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**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.**

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9/30/10

(Signature)

(Date)

Mike Spence

(Please print your name)